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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

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1. AMB HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM MINADMINREFORM ABDALLAH WITH SAME ANNOUNCEMENT AND SPECIFICS (WITH EXCEPTION OF HONORARIUM WHICH LETTER NOTES IS 500 POUNDS STERLING VICE 300) MENTIONED REFTEL. IDENTICAL LETTERS SENT TO OTHER LOCAL AMBASSADORS WHOSE NATIONAL "REPRESENTATIVES" EXPECTED ATTEND.

2. DCM CALLED ON AMIR AL-SAWI, UNDERSEC MINADMIN REFORM, TO QUERY STATUS GOS AND/OR FORD FOUNDATION CONTACT WITH DR. POPE. CONVERSATION INDICATED THAT WHILE UNDERSEC AND FORD FOUNDATION REPS (CAIRO) HAD INITIAL DISCUSSIONS, THE MATTER WAS NOT PURSUED WITH RESULT THAT NO ONE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH POPE RECENTLY. HOWEVER, GOS HAS BEEN WORKING ON ASSUMPTION POPE WOULD ATTEND PARTICULARLY IN VIEW GENEROUS EXPENSES BEING PROVIDED INCLUDING HONORARIUM. UNDERSEC HAD FRANKLY FORGOTTEN POPE INQUIRY ABOUT EXPENSES FOR HIS WIFE (SMITH LTR OF APR. 26), BUT IMPLIED HE WOULD CONSIDER SPECIAL ARRANGMENT FOR POPE IF HONORARIUM DEEMED INSUFFICIENT. HOWEVER, OTHER COMMISSION MEMBERS (INCLUDING A DR. SHAW, RETIRED CHIEF OF UK CIVIL SERVICE) HAVE ACCEPTED GOS OFFER.

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3. DCM ALSO EXPLAINED THAT IF POPE ACCEPTED, HE WOULD

ATTEND AS PRIVATE CITIZEN EVEN THOUGH HE IS EX-USG
OFFICIAL. UNDERSEC STATED LACK OF OFFICIAL DESIGNATION
NO PROBLEM; PHRASE HAD BEEN INCLUDED SINCE SOME OTHER
GOVERNMENTS PREFERRED TO WORK THAT WAY.

4. IMPLICATION THROUGHOUT CONVERSATION WAS THAT CURRENT
MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT DID NOT POSE ANY UNCERTAINTY FOR
COMMISSION SCHEDULE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: RECOMMEND POPE BE TACTFULLY
URGED ATTEND VIEW CONTINUED GOS PREFERENCE HIS
EXPERTISE AND EXPECTED PRESTIGE OTHER PARTICIPANTS.
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